

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting  
November 5, 2012, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC*

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners**

**November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting**

**A.B. Gibson Education Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg NC**

At 7 p.m. Chairman Bob Davis called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Joyce McDow and Commissioners John Alford, John Cooley, Carol McCall, Guy McCook and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston, Finance Officer Charles Nichols and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Chairman Davis delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Davis recognized three Boy Scouts from Southern Pines Troop 223 and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**Public Forum**

**Ms. Twilla Allen, Ms. Michelle Gaitley, Ms. Jan Hester Maynor and Ms. Margaret Kelly** of the Lumber River Council of Governments presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Mary Carlson for more than 17 years of service as a dedicated and faithful volunteer to both the Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and the Senior Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels) in Scotland County.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCall to approve the November 5, 2012 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Commissioner Alford introduced Ms. Jan Hester Maynor as the new Executive Director of the Lumber River Council of Governments.

Chairman Davis closed Public Forum when no one else came forward to comment.

Chairman Davis, on behalf of the Scotland County Board of Commissioners, presented a plaque of recognition and appreciation to Vice Chair McDow for eight years of service as a Commissioner, two of which she served as Vice Chair. She also was recognized for service on the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation in which she was Chair for two years.

Chairman Davis in honor of Vice Chair Joyce McDow's final regular meeting turned the gavel over to her and asked her to preside over the meeting.

**Public Hearing: Planning and Zoning**

Planning and Zoning Chairman Henry McLeod presented the following:

Conditional Use Application Number 472-12 – Brian Stutts- Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an in home mail order firearms business located at 15683 Monroe Road,

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Laurinburg, NC. The property is better described as Scotland County Tax Map Number 314-Block 01- Parcel 038 and is owned by Stephen Stutts.

Mr. McLeod said the house is about 100 yards off the road so traffic would not be an issue. Mr. McLeod said the Planning and Zoning Board recommends approval of conditional use application 472-12.

Vice Chair McDow asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the application. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to approve conditional use application 472-12. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Richmond Community College Report**

RCC President Dale McInnis provided the Commissioners with a mid-semester report. Dr. McInnis said RCC experienced record enrollment for the second consecutive year with an increase by 34 percent since 2008 of Scotland County residents attending RCC.

Dr. McInnis said the college is focused on retention, graduation and job placement. RCC is training more than 200 employees in five different companies this year.

Dr. McInnis cited successful partnerships RCC cultivated with Economic Developer Greg Icard, Progress Energy, Service Thread, Scotland County Schools, St. Andrews University and UNC-Pembroke. He also discussed future initiatives and partnerships RCC has planned.

**Scotland Historic Properties Commission Major Events Policy**

Historic Properties Commission Chairman Philip McRae asked the Commissioners to approve a resolution that would remove the John Blue complex from the County's major events policy. Mr. McRae said Historic Properties has its own rules and there are redundancies and contradictions between the two documents.

Mr. McRae said with the removal of the layer of bureaucracy, Historic Properties would have opportunity to do the things the County would like the Commission to do. He provided examples of contradictions and inconsistencies and ambiguous situations between the major events policy and Historic Properties rules when it comes to use of the John Blue grounds. Some examples raise the question of what entity might have final authority over an event, Historic Properties or Parks and Recreation.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to pass a resolution that would remove the John Blue Complex from inclusion in the County's Major Events Policy and ask that the Historic Properties Commission look at updating its provisions to include accident insurance. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

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*The Commissioners by consensus asked that the Historic Properties Commission provide the governing body with its major events policy once it is revised and updated.*

**Item 4. Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners October 1, 2012 regular meeting.**
- b) **Surplus Public Buildings 1989 Chevrolet VIN#1GCFC24K7KZ164059**
- c) **Approve conveyance of Criminal Justice Partnership Program Scotland County office furniture and equipment in the Scotland County location to State contract provider Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Services in the amount of \$1.00. The Commissioners approved surplus of the furniture and equipment inventory June 4, 2012.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCall to approve the consent agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Quarterly Financial Report**

Finance Officer Charles Nichols said the General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012, is \$5.9 million, an approximate \$800,000 increase compared to the General Fund Balance June 30, 2011. Mr. Nichols said that puts the County above the eight percent threshold of unassigned balance to 9.81 percent. Mr. Nichols noted that the \$800,000 was the result of the reduction in General Fund expenditures approved by the Board of Commissioners.

**EOC-911 Center Grant and Architectural Contracts**

EMS Director Roylin Hammond asked that the Commissioners approve the NC 911 Board Grant contract and the Becker-Morgan Architect contract for the Scotland County EOC/ 911 Center.

Mr. Hammond said the NC 911 Board Grant contract requires that Scotland County, once having signed the grant award contract for \$2.1 million, will within 30 days submit a revised plan as to what the County would be able to accomplish with the funding and how this would be accomplished.

Mr. Hammond said County officials met with representatives from architect Becker Morgan Group and with staff from L.R. Kimball, the communications consultant employed by the Becker Morgan group to assess the communications needs of Scotland County. Both firms will help Scotland County develop a plan of action as required by the NC 911 Board and as stipulated as part of the acceptance of the \$2.1 million grant.

Mr. Hammond said both companies were selected because they are highly specialized in the field of emergency operation facilities and the communications systems the facilities require. Mr. Hammond said there are strict rules and regulations as to how the funds are expended. He said the two companies will assist in developing a plan to build a facility for much less funding than originally expected.

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County Attorney Johnston said he reviewed both contracts and all concerns were addressed as a result of the review.

Mr. Hammond discussed other available funding that would be used for the “technologically complicated building” as well as the \$175,000 architectural fee, which is intended to produce alternative plans that would accommodate the available budget.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve both the contract with the NC 911 Board to accept the \$2.1 million in 911 funding to build a new 911 Center and to accept the contract with the Becker Morgan group to design and assist Scotland County in the development of the EOC/911 Center project. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Appointments to Boards and Committees**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to appoint Mr. Eugene Wilson McCall to the ABC Board for a three-year term. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to appoint Ms. Diana Altman and to reappoint Ms. Cordella Walker to three-year terms on the Aging Advisory Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reappoint Mr. William Matthews as a Public Spirited Citizen representative to the Board of Health and to appoint Ms. Jane Murray as the Nurse representative to the Board of Health. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to reappoint Mr. Greg Icard to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Update from the County Manager**

County Manager Patterson listed economic development goals submitted by Commissioners for discussion at Economic Development Summit meetings. Here is a summary of the goals submitted to me by the date of this letter.

1. Present ED Strategic Plan to full board for review and approval.
2. Role of government: work with the city to address our crime rate and develop resources needed to increase safety in Scot Co.
3. Do all we can to develop a good workforce.
4. Workforce dev: State that literacy is a critical issue and ask for assistance with appropriate partners in reducing the rate.

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5. Job retention: assess current relationships with employers (businesses and industries) and make sure they are strong and keep them positive.
6. Job retention by helping local companies in any way possible.
7. If a business closes, no matter how small find out why.
8. What is Scot Co's marketing strategy, is it formal, what more does Greg need?
9. Be realistic about our role, be specific and concrete in our goals, put down defenses and build trust with all partners.
10. Continue to seek out new companies.
11. Push for I-74, widening 401 to 4 lanes.
12. We need to include the 25 member advisory board.
13. Continue to develop the SBIC and develop the property around this building.
14. Greg must be the Hub of anything we do.

The Human Services Committee is studying the creation of a regional health department between Scotland and Richmond counties. Conversations with Anson and Hoke counties also were started. The Committee requests a joint meeting with the Commissioners and the Board of Health sometime in January.

Mr. Patterson reported that both legislative goals submitted from Scotland County were heard in committee and both recommendations were sent forward for consideration.

Mr. Patterson said he received a resolution regarding the application for CDBG funding for the FCC expansion building reuse project.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to move forward with the application process for CDBG funds and approve the resolution. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY OF SCOTLAND  
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING  
FOR THE FCC of NC, LLC EXPANSION BUILDING REUSE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Scotland's Board of Commissioners has previously indicated its desire to assist in economic development efforts within the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit FCC of NC, LLC; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes the County to pursue a formal application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit FCC of NC, LLC; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program,

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County's Board of Commissioners that the County of Scotland is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for approval of a Building Reuse Community Development Block Grant for to benefit FCC of NC, LLC.

Adopted this the 5th day of November 2012 in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

**Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to go into Closed Session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body.**

**Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

Commissioner Cooley said he would like deed transfers and communications issues addressed with regard to the Tax Office. Commissioner Cooley said nothing seems to have changed since he had a problem regarding a deed transfer a few years ago.

*The Commissioners by consensus agreed that the issue should be reviewed and resolved.*

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Joyce McDow  
Vice Chair